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Constitution,

By Laws,

and

Reports

of the

Christian Union.

Organized by the First Congregational Society,
of Medfield, Mass. December 7th, 1877.

Constitution.

Preamble.

We, the undersigned, for our own mutual improvement and happiness and for the benefit of those around us, do adopt and agree to be governed by the following Constitution and By Laws.

Article 1st.

Name.

This Association shall be known as the "Christian Union".

Article 2d

Membership.

Any person of good moral character who has attained the age of fifteen years, upon being recommended by a member of this Union may become a member by signing This Constitution and paying fifty cents.

Article 3d.

Officers.

Section 1st. The Officers of this Union, shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine Directors; and these officers shall be the Executive

Proposed Amendments to
the Constitution and By Laws
of "The Christian Union"

We the undersigned, for our
own mutual improvement
and happiness and for the benefit
of the First Cong. Parish
Medfield, and others around us
do adopt, and agree to be
governed by the following Constn. & B.L.
Art. 1 unchanged

Art. 2 ~~Sec~~ amend by
striking out "who has
attained the age of fifteen yrs."
Art. 3
Substitute three for "nine"
~~before~~ before "Directors"

Art. 3

Art. 4 amend by striking out what follows "President" in second line to "not" in sixth line

Art. 5

Strike out all

Art. 6

Substitute after "shall be held on" "~~the second Monday in Feb.~~ the third Tues. in Dec." for second Monday in February.

Art. 7

Amend by substituting "Jan." for "March"

Art. 8

Unchanged

Art. 9 . . .

by clause.

Sect. 1 [illegible] ~~twenty five~~

Sect 2
Amend by substituting
"Real annual deduction" for
"Annual annual Loss."

Sect 3 Amend by
substituting Recognizing
for Sect. 1, 2 & 3.
as stated in the duty of the
Cultivator both in the present
and may to take charge
and make arrangements for
the cultivation of the crop
of the Annual field for [illegible]
Assessment. [illegible]

Committee.

They shall be elected annually by the members of the Union, and continue in office until their successors are elected, provided that the officers elected at the organization of the Union shall hold their offices until the annual term, in the year 1879.

Section 2d. The President, when present shall preside at all meetings of the Union, and of the Executive Committee, and perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon presiding officers.

Section 3d. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of that office; and should the office of President become vacant by resignation or otherwise, he (or she) shall succeed thereto until the next annual term.

Section 4th. The Secretary shall see that a notice of meetings of the Union, and of the Executive Committee, are given from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church, and shall keep a true record of the proceedings of such meetings.

He (or she) shall keep a book containing one engrossed copy of the Constitution for the signatures of members, and shall enter therein the date of membership and by whom

recommended.

Section 5th. The Treasurer, shall collect all moneys due the Union, and disburse the same under the direction of the Executive Committee; and at the expiration of his office he (or she) shall deliver to his successor his official books and papers, and all funds in his hands belonging to the Union; and he shall at each annual meeting, report to the Union in writing, his receipts and disbursements for the financial year preceding. The financial year shall commence the first day of January in each year.

Article 4th.

The Executive Committee shall meet from time to time at the call of the President, and notice of such meetings shall be given on Sundays from the Pulpit of the First Congregational Church.

Not less than a majority shall constitute a quorum. They shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in their number, subject to the right of the Vice-President to succeed ex officio to the office of President.

They shall have power to expel or suspend a member from the Union for misconduct,

but only by vote of two-thirds of their whole number, and after opportunity has been given to the accused for explaining or extenuating his conduct.

They are authorized to disburse the funds of the Union in such manner, as will in their judgment best promote its welfare and development; and they shall report in writing at the annual meeting of the Union, the general condition of the same.

Article 5th.

The annual dues of each member shall be fifty cents, payable in advance on the first day of November. Any one neglecting for three months, after being notified, to pay his dues, shall cease to be a member.

Article 6th.

The annual meeting of the members of the Union shall be held on the second Monday in February, at 7 o'clock P. M., at which meeting the officers mentioned in Article 3d shall be elected by ballot. In case of failure to elect any officer at this meeting, or if any officer elected shall decline serving, such vacancy may be filled at any adjourned or special meeting. And in all elections of

officers, the person having the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected.
Provided, That the annual meeting succeeding the adoption of this Constitution shall be held in the year 1879.

Article 7th

The annual term of the Union shall commence on the first day of March, at which time the newly elected officers shall enter upon their duties.
Provided. That the officers elected at the organization of this Union shall enter upon their duties immediately.

Article 8th.

Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Union may be called by the Secretary, by order of the Executive Committee, or on written request of five members. Notice of all special meetings shall be given on Sunday, from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church.
At any meeting of the Union thirteen members shall constitute a quorum.
Regular meetings of the Union shall be held as the Executive Committee may decide.

Article 9th

Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of the Union or at any special meeting called for the purpose; in the call for which, notice of a proposed amendment shall have been given.

By Laws.

Article 1st.

Committees

The Executive Committee shall appoint the following standing Committees, each of which shall consist of three members.
First. A Committee on Entertainment.
Second. A Committee on Intellectual Culture.
Third. A Committee on Moral and Spiritual Improvement.

Article 2d.

The several Committees shall be subject to the control of the Executive Committee, so far as that Committee may think that the best interests and harmony of the Union require.

Article 3d.

Duties of the Committees

Section 1st. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Entertainment to have charge of all the meetings of the Union held for social intercourse and amusements; and to provide such entertainments as they shall approve.

Section 2d. Committee on Intellectual Culture.

The Committee on Intellectual Culture shall have in charge all of the literary and other meetings of the Union, held for the purpose of intellectual improvement, and shall provide such exercises as tend to elevate and improve the mind.

Section 3d. Committee on Moral and Spiritual Improvement.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Moral and Spiritual Improvement to labor for the promotion of a wholesome moral and spiritual life in the Union; and for that purpose they may adopt such measures as they may deem wise and expedient.

Article 4th

Conduct of Business.

All business meetings of the Union shall be governed by the usual Parliamentary rules, and all questions respecting rules

of order, shall be decided by the presiding Officer, or on appeal by a majority of the members present. In doubtful questions, "Cushings" Manual shall be the standard authority.

Article 5th

Amendments.

These By Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual or special meeting of the Union; in the call for which special meeting, notice of a proposed alteration or amendment shall have been given. They may also be suspended at any meeting, provided not more than ten members object thereto.

Granville Pierce
Ellen Curtis
~~Helen Sanders Brown~~
Amos W. Shumway Jr
~~J. H. Richardson~~
Alden K. Wheeler
Georgia H. Pierce
Mary Cary.
Susan M Morse
~~Annie H Clarke~~
Helen M. Lovering
~~T. H. O'Connor~~
Jennie G. Hewins.
Emma F. Rhodes.
~~James Hewins~~
Lizzie L. Richardson
Sarah H. Wright
~~Mary R. O'Connor~~
Daniel D. Curtis

Allen Wheeler

Ollie M. Lovering

Lucretia R. Brown

Records.

Secretary's Report.

On Friday evening Dec 7th, 1877., the people of the First Congregational Society of Milford, Mass., met in the vestry of the church in obedience to a call from the Pastor, to take measures to form a society for the "mutual improvement and benefit of those around us"; said society to be called the "Christian Union".

At 7-30, the meeting was called to order by the Rev. Granville Pierce - Dr J. A. Richardson was chosen Chairman and Fred. A. O'Connor, Secretary. A Constitution and By Laws had previously been drawn up ready for presentation, and the Committee in charge were called upon to make their report.

After the reading of the Constitution and By Laws, opportunity was given for any amendments or remarks. As none were offered, motion made and seconded to adopt the report and discharge the Committee, which was acted upon in the affirmative

Motion then made and seconded to choose Officers by ballot. Acted upon in the affirmative. As a result of the balloting the following Officers were chosen for one year, viz;

President, Rev. Granville Pierce.

Vice-President, Mrs Daniel Curtis.

Secretary, Miss Helen Brown.
Treasurer, Mr A. H. Shumway, jr.
Directors, Dr J. N. Richardson, Messrs Joseph H. Paige & A. A. Wheeler, Mrs Granville Pierce, Miss Mary Lavers, Mrs George Morse, Miss Annie Clarke, Miss Emma Mace and Miss Helen Lovering.

On motion of Mr Pierce, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Mr James Nevins, for the efficient part he had taken in aiding the proposed organization of the "Union"

The Officers of the Union were invited to meet at the house of Mr Pierce, on Tuesday evening, December 10th. Objection made, as the Literary Club met on the night in question. The invitation was so amended as to meet at the house of Mr Pierce, on Monday evening evening, Dec 10th, at 7.0'clock.

As the business for which the meeting was called were completed, motion then made & seconded to adjourn. Acted upon in the affirmative.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted
Fred. F. O'Connor.
Secretary.

Secretary's Report.

The Executive Committee of the Christian Union met at the house of Rev. Granville Pierce, according to invitation on Monday evening, Dec 10th, at 7. o'clock. At 7-30, meeting called to order with the President in the chair and Secretary called upon for his report of the proceedings of the last meeting; after the reading thereof, no amendments being suggested, motion made and seconded to adopt the report. Acted upon in the affirmative.

The next business before the meeting was the choice of a Secretary, the Secretary of the Morning absent. Motion made & seconded that F. A. O'Connor, act as Secy. Acted upon in the affirmative

The next business brought before the Committee by the presiding officer was for the choice of Sub-Committees. On the Committee on Entertainments the following members were nominated & elected, viz; Mr F. A. O'Connor, Mrs James Stevens and Miss Emma Rhodes.

On the Committee on Intellectual Culture, the following members were nominated & elected, viz; Mr James Stevens, Mrs J. A. Richardson, and Mrs Granville Pierce.

On the Committee on Moral & Spiritual Improvement the following members were nominated & elected, viz; Rev. Granville Pierce,

Miss Sarah Wright and Mrs R. A. O'Connor.
It was then suggested that the Sub-Committee have the privilege of appointing one or more members of the Union, to aid them in their labors for the pleasure & benefits to be derived from the organization.
The next question before the meeting —
"How often should the regular meetings be held"
After discussion, motion made & seconded to hold regular meetings once in two weeks to alternate with the Ladies Sewing Circle
Acted upon in the affirmative.
The next question was "when & where to have the regular meetings". It was decided to hold the the next regular meeting of the Union on Thursday, Dec 20th at 7-15 P.M., in the vestry of the church.
Motion made and seconded that the Committee on Entertainments furnish arrangements for the Union at the next meeting.
Adopted.
The next business before the meeting,
"Shall an admission fee be charged"?
After deliberation it was decided to make no charge.
Motion made and seconded that the Sub-Committees work together to provide a suitable entertainment for the Union, on

Thursday evening Dec 20th. Adopted.
By invitation of Mrs Daniel Curtis, the various Committees were requested to meet at her house on Monday evening Dec 17th.
At 8-40, the business for which the Committee met being concluded, motion made and seconded that the meeting adjourn to meet at the house of Mrs Curtis on Monday, Dec 17th at 7-15, P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Fred: F. O'Connor.
Secretary.

Secretaries Report.

On Monday evening Dec 17th, the Committee of the Union, met at the house of Mrs Curtis. 8 O'clock meeting called to order by the President, and the report of the Secretary called for. After the reading there of, motion made & seconded to amend the report so far as to change the time for the next meeting of the Union from Thursday evening Dec 20th to Friday, Dec 21st. The report was then accepted.

Motion made & seconded that F. A. O'Connor be renominated as Secretary. Adopted.

It was decided by the Committee to postpone the announcement of the second meeting of the Union, until after Friday evening next.

Motion made and seconded that a Committee of One be appointed to confer with Mr Kingsbury to see if the Union, could have the use of his rooms for their meetings. Mrs George Moore was nominated & elected as the Committee.

The business for which the Committee met being concluded, motion made and seconded to adjourn subject to the call of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred. A. O'Connor, Secretary.

Secretary's Report.

The first regular meeting of the "Christian Union" was held in the Vestry of our Unitarian Church Friday evening Dec. 21.

The exercises were given under the auspices of the Committee on Entertainment.

At half past seven o'clock the spacious vestry was well filled with bright expectant faces watching for the curtain to rise.

There was a little delay occasioned by the non-appearance of some who were to take part, but the time was profitably spent in adding the names of thirteen new members to the Constitution.

First on the programme was music, charmingly rendered by Miss Clarke.

Next in order, came, Miss Proctors Poem "Songs of Seven", read by Miss Lovering; with tableaux illustrations — The whole was excellent, but the first tableaux with little Edith Hewins as "seven times one", surrounded with flowers herself the brightest one in the group was especially pretty — and Miss Blanche Curtis as "twice seven" called forth many compliments. "The bride" personated by Miss Matheson was as lovely as could be desired.

After the tableaux, Lawyer Hewins delighted us all by reading several poems.

The evenings entertainment closed by the singing

of one or two songs by the Misses Clark & Messrs. Mayhew & Wheeler.

President Peirce then called a meeting of the Executive Committee, at which it was decided to hold the second regular meeting of the Union on Friday Jan 4th & that the Exercises of the evening should be under the Control of the Committee on Moral & Spiritual Improvement.

Helen L. Brown
Secretary.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the residence of the Rev. Mr Peirce on Mon. evening Dec 31st

After being called to order, it was announced by the President, that the subject for discussion was, "whether there should be any admittance fee charged to the Society entertainments, for those not members of the Union" - This question was fully discussed but no decision arrived at -

It was then decided in the affirmative, that the Union should pay for tuning the Piano, & our Treasurer notified to that effect. Messrs Wheler & Thurmay were appointed to confer with Mr. Kingsbury as to price he would charge for putting Piano in order after our meetings,

Motion was then made to adjourn until the following week Thursday -

Helen S Brown
Secretary.

Jan. 3d. Executive committee meeting called, but it being very stormy, there were none present.

Jan. 4th was the appointed evening for the Union meeting - but heavy storm preventing attendance, it was postponed until Friday the Eleventh inst. -

On Friday evening Jan 18th the Christian Union met at the Unitarian vestry, at half past seven o'Clock The evening passed quietly, commencing with a social talk - then vocal music in which all joined; - after which, Dr. Richardson being called upon, made a few remarks on the meaning of the name "Christian Union" - followed by a Recitation from Mr. Thurnway - "Progress is the watchword of the Universe". - A duett upon pians by the Misses Morse & Curtis - a song from the Quadette, & the exercises were closed by Mrs. Otis reading of the Paper - Subject "Old and new thought in Religion".

Meeting then adjourned until Jan. 18th.

Helen S. Brown
Secretary.

Secretary's Report.

The entertainment given by the "Christian Union" Friday evening Jan 18th was the most largely attended meeting of the Union.

Judge Cozzens opened the evening by the reading of two very fine selections.

Mr. Ord. then gave the "Village Lyceum" - Music (variations) in the interval before the rising of the curtain, which displayed Tableaux No. 1. "The Artists Studio" - admirably arranged under the supervision of Mrs. Stevens & Mr. Menk Instrumental music followed - after which a spirited recitation of poem by Mrs. Pierce, & Music by Miss Hale.

Charade in three acts was given in Tableaux "Horn-pipe"; very successfully also were two others represented - "Mad-cap," & "Innocence" with music at intervals, by Miss Hale. Also another reading by Judge Cozzens & one from Mrs. Pierce which closed the entertainment, pronounced by all the best one given. The meeting then adjourned to Feb. 1st.

Helen L. Brown
Secretary

Secretary's Report

On Jan. 28th a meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Mr. Pierce's residence - the meeting being called to order, the President called upon Mr. Wheeler for his report concerning Mr. Kingsbury & the vestry - Mr. Wheeler having no report to offer, the committee was discharged.

The Treasurer reported that the 1.25 for tuning piano was paid. After a lengthy discussion upon the subject of admission fees Dr. Richardson made motion that an admission fee of 10 cts. be charged to all not members of the Union - Mrs. Pierce moved an amendment that all children over ten years of age be charged ten cents - carried - but many being dissatisfied the motion was re-considered. It was finally decided on motion of Dr. Richardson, seconded by Lawyer Hewins - that the Committee in charge of the evenings Entertainment be allowed to ask admittance fee or not as they thought best.

On motion of Mr Curtis - Mr Paige was appointed to see what Mr. Kingsbury would charge to light & heat the vestry, put it in order before & after the entertainment, & arange it

Dr. Richardson proposed that a committee of one be appointed to confer with the Parish Committee with regard to use of the vestry, coal & oil - various nominations were made & Dr. Richardson accepted -

A motion of adjournment was then made and carried

Helen S. Brown

Secretary

Secretary's Report.

The meeting of the Christian Union held on Friday Feb. 1st was under the charge of the Committee on Entertainment;

A Coffee-party was given, with an admittance fee charged of fifteen cts each, to all not members.

The exercises were opened by music upon piano from Miss Morse; followed by declamation from Master Marshall then a duet by the Misses Richardson - a song with piano accompaniment by Miss Bruce.

After which a humorous reading from Miss Rhodes - music from Miss Etchue upon piano - a song from Miss Ord - another from the Quartette of male voices & then President Pierce announced that refreshments would be served - free of charge, to the company; requesting them to march two by two - (giving the Ladies the privilege of exercising the right of free-suffrage for the occasion;) & afterwards take their seats by the small tables provided for the serving of coffee etc.

After the supper, Mrs. Pierce gave a rare treat in her recitation of bringing down thunders of applause which could only be quieted by her re-appearance.

A song from Miss Ord closed the entertainment.

President Pierce then thanked the audience for their good order, & especially the young men for their quiet repose in their seats, during the order of the march and the meeting was adjourned to Friday Feb. 15

Helen S. Brown - Sec.

Secretary's Report.

The meeting of the Christian Union held on Friday Feb. 15th was under the care of the Committee on Moral and Spiritual Improvement -

After singing; an original poem was read by Mrs. Morse entitled "God seen in all his works." followed by music upon piano from Miss Blanche Canby - then a recitation by Miss Jennie Clark & singing of Hymns -
After reading by Mrs. Bishop & song by the Misses Cl
Mrs. Morse gave us another production of her own -
An Acrostic "Our Christian Union"
Mr. Pierce then announced with regret that another original poem which was to have been given, was omitted by request of the Author - There being no business to be transacted, the meeting was closed by singing hymns, & adjourned to March 1st.

March 1st - The committee on "Intellectual Culture" gave us an evening with Longfellow - commencing with music upon piano by Miss Mason - then, Sketch of the life of Longfellow - Miss Brown - followed by recitation of "The Ch[illegible] Tower" from Miss Laura Hewins - a selection from Evangeline read by Mrs. Bishop, and a song by the Misses Clarke.

Miss Hewins read us the poem "Seaweed", appropriately followed by the song "When the flowing tide comes in" from Mrs. Monk Mrs. Pierce gave two selections from Hiawatha - Miss H. Jones read the poem "The building of the Ship" - Lauren Hewins "Paul Revere's Ride" - followed by a duet from Mrs. Monk & Mr. Wol[illegible] which closed the evenings very enjoyable entertainment - Helen L Brown - Sec. y

Secretary's Report.

The Christian Union met Friday Mar. 15th – The committee on Entertainment having charge, succeeded in securing Miss Curtis of Newton to give three very fine recitations which were warmly applauded

A poem was recited by Miss Mary Cushore – music then given by Miss Hale and then came the "Phantom Dance" – the music for which was admirably given upon violin by Miss ; assisted by Miss Bessie Howard on piano – Reading by Mrs. Hamant

Whist was followed by a social talk & adjournment.

Helen E. Brown Sec.

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Mar. 29. The committee on Intellectual Culture or, I should have said, on Moral & Spiritual Improvement provided first, Instrumental music rendered by Miss Hale then a Reading by Mrs. Carrie Wheeler "Not to myself alone" followed by a song from Misses Bruce & Clark & Messrs Bullard & Wheeler – "Sweet chiming bells".

An original paper was then read by Miss Dora Shumway "Life & Duty", and a song "The Gates ajar" given by the Quartette after which a Reading from W. Cowling Bryants "Waiting by the Gate".

Song by the Choir "What a friend we have in Jesus" followed by the Tableaux "Coaching to Jericho" & "Miriam" – the latter accompanied by "Miriam's Song" rendered by the Choir.

Then came a Reading from Mrs. Pierce "Anna & Samuel" illustrated by tableaux – music by Miss Hale, &

five more tableaux – viz. "The Queen of Sheba" "The Prodigal Son" – "Queen Esther" "Rebecca's Farewell" "Ruth" – & a farce wh. completes the entertainment.

Helen [illegible]

Oct. 12th – Rev. Mr Griffin of Marlboro' gave us a lecture on Thos. Hood – which was well attended.

Secretary's Report.

[illegible] elected. He declined on account of the [illegible] Committee of three should now be abandoned & the President & Secretary constitute the Executive Committee. The Chair [illegible] and this course were abandoned for this Committee. They presented the following names

President Rev Granville Price, Vice President Rev E P Mitchell, Secretary Rev [illegible]. These persons were elected to serve the ensuing year and constitute the Executive Committee. This closed the business [illegible] was made and [illegible] Jones.

[illegible] Thomas
Secretary

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Christian Union was held Friday evening Dec 19th at the residence of Rev Granville Price. The business of it being to divide the Union into sections each section to furnish the expenses by turn for the meeting. The Union was divided into four sections to be known as first second third and fourth. The meeting for the first section was appointed at the house of [illegible]

evening [illegible]. [illegible]
declined to serve as President [illegible]
Board was chosen to fill the vacancy. The
closed the business of the meeting.

J Eudora Thurston
Secretary

Friday evening Jan 9th under the auspices of the
members constituting the first-section of the
"Christian Union" a Sociable was held in the
Vestry of the Unitarian Church, for the members
and those desiring to become so. The evening was
unpleasant but it did not prevent quite a
good number from attending and a very pleasant
time was the result. During the evening games
of various kinds were engaged in by those who
were disposed, while others enjoyed themselves
by a friendly chat. Coffee and cake were
abundantly served to all. Several new
members were added to our numbers, thus
showing an increased interest in our work.
Altogether it was a pleasant gathering and
a good beginning for the new year.

J Eudora Thurston
Secretary

Friday evening Jan 23rd under the auspices of the
members connected with the second section of
the Christian Union a Reading was given in the
Unitarian Church by Miss M J Osgood of Boston.
An admittance of fifteen cents was charged to all

not members of the Union. Interspersed with the reading there was singing by the Ladies Chorus which added much to the interest of the occasion. Miss Osgoods selections were not as varied as some might have wished being mostly of a comic character, but were read in a pleasing and effective manner, and apparently interested the large audience who were present to listen to them. Five new names were added to the Constitution at the close of the entertainment.

S Eudora Shumway
Secretary

Under the auspices of the members of the third section of the Christian Union a social gathering of the members and invited friends was held Friday evening Feb 6th in the Vestry. The third section members were dressed in masqued costumes so it was with some difficulty that they were for a time recognized by many. During the evening an original entitled "Our Union" was read by Mrs Mabie also humorous readings from Mrs Bishop and Mrs Rhodes. A Langhable Charade was presented in five acts and the audience requested to give the name represented. After a little time the right word was given "America" Games of various kinds were participated in by those

who wished and all seemed to enjoy the evening for it really was what it was designed it should be a social time. Six names were added to the Constitution. Also an unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Smith and his assistants for the service rendered by singing at our Meeting of the evening of Jan 22nd.

I Endeavor Thermometer

A meeting of the Christian Endeavor Union was held Monday evening Feb 9th at [illegible] Mr. Mitchell had charge and the business of the meeting was to fill the vacancy of Vice President [illegible] having declined [illegible] also the new members who have joined the Union since its [illegible] Mr. E. V. Mitchell was elected to fill the office of Vice President the ensuing year and Mr. George Wishart was elected as one of the Executive Committee. The vacancy being caused by Mr. Miller filling the office of Vice President. The fourth section was left [illegible] the new members [illegible] remaining were left until [illegible] suffered [illegible] should be made. The meeting of the fourth Monday in which must be five weeks hence being very [illegible] and it was decided that [illegible] it was decided to adjourn.

Endeavor Thermometer

Secretary's Report

A special meeting of the members of the "Christian Union" was held Tuesday evening Feb 14th in the 1st Ward Room. Called for the purpose of making a slight change in the Constitution. In the absence of the President the Vice President [illegible] meeting was called to order

By the Chairman made some remarks stating that in the Constitution and By-laws adopted some time ago we had not assigned to any section it was necessary to make a change in the Amendment which reads that "each sections shall not consist of but fifteen members." He then made this motion that each section should have not more than twenty five members, and that members of each section inviting persons to join the Union should have the privilege of assigning them to their own section. This was voted on and the affirmative. It was also voted that the six members who had not been assigned to any section should join which ever one they wished.

A motion was then made and carried to adjourn

S Eudora Shurtleff

Under the auspices of the [illegible]

[illegible]

day evening March 2nd. The exercises
[illegible] with [illegible]
Presidents Farewell Address and [illegible]
[illegible] Jackson and Harrison
in Song with a recitation of [illegible]
and Songs some of them being very humorous
and the good old Songs of Yankee Doodle and certain
most [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
close of the Literary exercises refreshments were
served to all and a social time enjoyed [illegible]
which [illegible] were added to the Constitution
[illegible] almost [illegible] homes
satisfied with the [illegible]

[illegible]

Under the auspices of the [illegible] of
the "Christian Union" an entertainment was
given in Chenery Hall Friday evening April 2nd.
The exercises Consisting of the Patriotic Drama
One Hundred Years Ago, or the Boys of 1776 being
given the following [illegible] Gentlemen
assuming the several characters dressed
in the [illegible] and [illegible] and Ladies

[illegible] Jones, [illegible] G. Hall, and Thomas
He had a well sustained and it was
apparently well received by the large audience
present, who listen to it. At the conclusion
of the evening was engaged in by those who
wished which consisted of various
games of Rockaway. Thus the evening passed
pleasantly away and evidently to the satisfaction
of all.

Yours Truly
Secretary

Under the auspices of the Third Division of the
Christian Union a Lecture was given on
Library Hall Thursday evening April 15th by
Rev. H. H. Emerson of East Boston. His subject
being "The Stumbling Blocks of Life" He commenced
by quoting the following scripture text
"Cut off the occasion of false and stumbling
and cast them from thee" he said life was
either like a down hill as the individual
chose to make it, if one was determined and
commenced on the right purpose and strong
will to succeed in life, success would surely
be his by use; illustrating he alluded
to several persons who have far themselves a
name by their own commendable skills

Edward Wilbers and many others who rose
risen from obscurity to fill places of high
positions in the world, and won for themselves
names never to be forgotten. He then proceeded
to speak of the several vices which lead one
down, Love long on indolence &c. with its
manifold evils, and many other habits which
are so pernicious, and the importance of forming
good habits in youth. No one he said was
ever too old to learn speaking of Bryant who
at the age of eighty years translated Homer's
work and was editor of one of the leading
journals. The Lecture abounded with wit and
humor, which rendered it attractive to the
younger portion of the audience present, while
many lessons of practical worth, might have
been taken home to heart, and if put into practice
would be a power in ones life and help to build
up a noble character. He concluded by wishing the
Christian Union success and hoped it would
continue to prosper, and be the means of great
good in the community.

J. Eudora Thornway
Secretary

quadrette consisting of Master John Richardson
Isaac Curtis [illegible] and Willie Goodall
the Lothian Hymn and this distributed was next
given another song by his Name. Then came
the [illegible] Lothian which was very beautiful
The Bathers dream. At intervals during the
exercises music was rendered by the [illegible]. The
evening [illegible] great enjoyment to
the large audience which filled the Vestry.

S Eustace Stumway

[illegible] suspicion of the [illegible]
[illegible] decision, if it
should not [illegible]
of the Local Circle. A motion was
made and carried to adjourn

S Eudora Hemming
Secretary

According to the [illegible] at the business
meeting held on Wednesday May 24th the business
meeting of the Christian Union was held
Monday evening June 1st at the residence of
Mrs Gerald Price. The meeting being called
to order the first [illegible] it was decided it was
noted that the Union should have to close
the season a Festival and Entertainment to
be held in Spencer Hall the proceeds to go
towards the purchase of a piano for the Society.
It was then thought necessary to choose Committees
to make arrangements of the same discussion as to
how it should be chosen it was
moved that a committee of three be elected
to select persons for three several committees
to ~~this was a vote~~ all the decisions
and that there should consist of
eight persons in number for the
Festival and Entertainment
This was a vote and accordingly the following

[illegible] Mr A Wheeler Mrs J H Richardson and Mrs J Ward
After some considerations they presented the
following List of names for general Committee
Mr D B Curtis Mr J Paige Mr Weston Dr Richardson
Mrs D B Curtis Mrs J H Gould Mrs Weston and Mrs Paige
for Festival Mr Amos Shumway Mr A Wheeler
Mr Edward Kingsbury Mrs [illegible] and Miss Jennie Smith for Entertainment
Hazen Gould Mr Bentley Mrs J Ward and
Mrs J H Richardson. This was accepted and
adopted. A motion was made that these
Committee should [illegible] fill any vacancies that
might occur this was a vote it was also voted
that the date of the time when the Entertainment
should be given be left with the General Committee
A motion was now made to adjourn which was
a vote.

S Eastman Shumway

[illegible]

evening June 15th with an Strawberry Festival and
entertainment held in Chenery Hall. The
attendance was quite large. The entertainment
was given by a party of young people from
Rhetoric, made [illegible] quite well received
and appreciated. The evening passed

[illegible] and was a success, and well calculated to inspire the hearts of the members with earnest resolves for renewed efforts in the future; and with hope that the Christian Union may still grow and progress in every good work and work

S. Eudora Thurman
Secretary

A meeting of the members of the Christian Union was held on the evening of Oct 12th at the home of the President. The meeting being opened with [illegible] the object of the meeting. It was voted that a committee of six be appointed to make arrangements for a meeting of some kind either entertainment or lecture at an early day for the benefit of the coming season, also notice the above committee should when it shall be held. The meeting then adjourned.

S. Eudora Thurman

[illegible] evening the one Christian Union [illegible] the usual business. Reading was given in the Christian Church Tuesday evening [illegible] Jan 1st [illegible] an pleasant [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of those who were [illegible]
to the present.

[illegible]

Secretary

A special meeting of the members of the "Christian Union" was held Monday [illegible]
in the Vestry of the Unitarian [illegible] for the
purpose of transacting any business that might
be brought forward. After the meeting being
called to order by President Pierce, he stated
that a vacancy had been caused in the Executive
Council [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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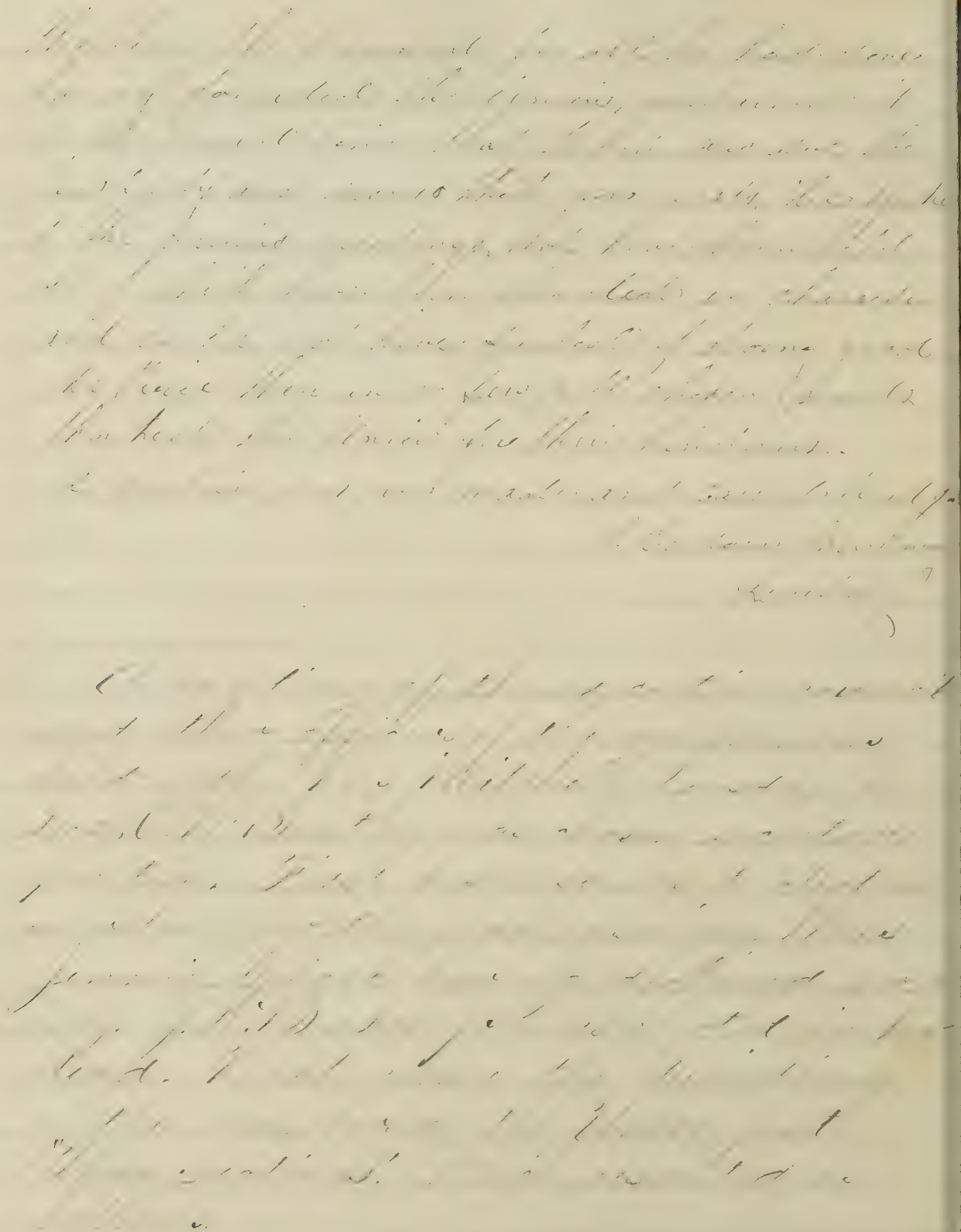

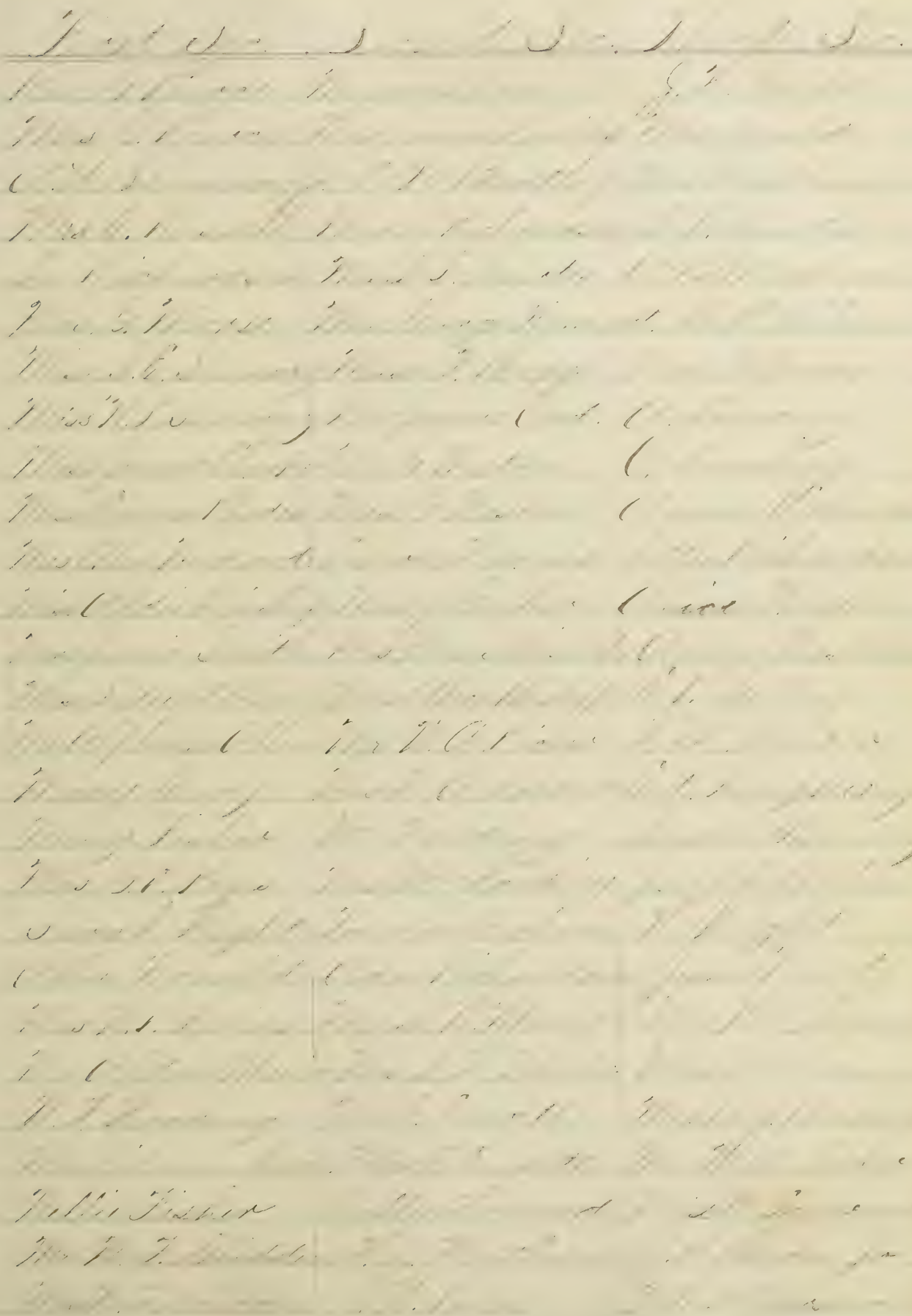

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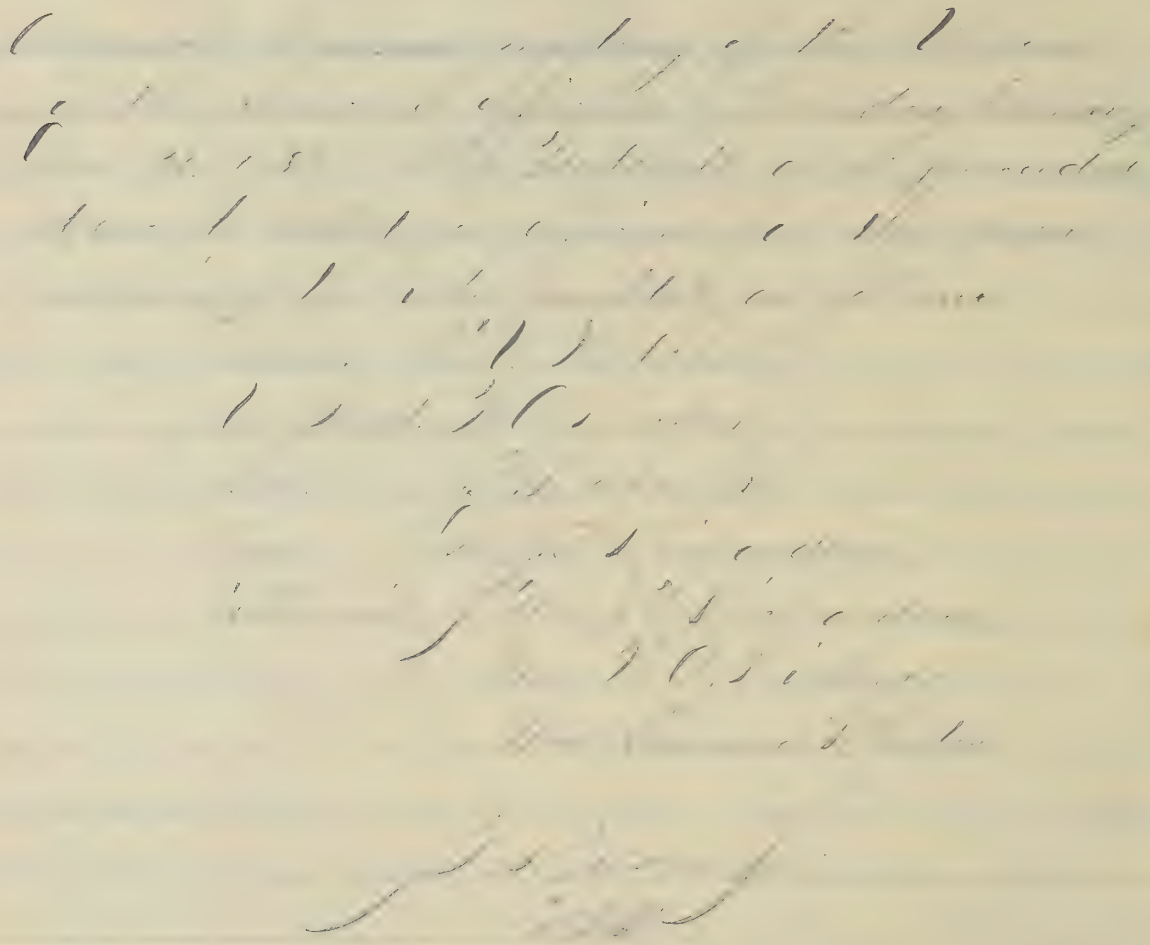

Resolved

That the Treasurer of the Christian Union, be authorized and directed to pay the funds now in his hands and belonging to the Christian Union, to the Treasurer of the North Conway Congregational Church, for the purpose of adding in the purchase of an Organ, for the use of said Society.

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Resolved, That the funds of the Christian Women, now in the hands of the Treasurer.